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For: Use of Locally Applied DNA Fragments

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## REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated 3 July 2001, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-32, 71-83, 85, 86, 88 and 89) drawn to methods of reducing photoaging, methods of increasing melanin production, methods of increasing DNA repair, methods of inhibiting proliferation of epithelial cells, methods of treating hyperproliferative diseases, methods of increasing p53 activity, methods of inhibiting proliferation of skin cells, methods of preventing or reducing DNA damage, and methods of treating malignant cells, are elected for prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

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Responsive to the requirement for an election of species of backbone for searching purposes, Applicants hereby elect phosphodiester as the species. Claims readable on the elected species are (in Group I): 7-11, 13-17, 19-23, 26-29, 31, 32, 71-83, 85, 86, 88 and 89. Claims not classified in any group, but also readable on the elected species are: 51, 52, 54, 55, 57, 58, 60, 61, 63, 64, 66, 67, 69, 87, and 90-92.

Respectfully submitted,

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